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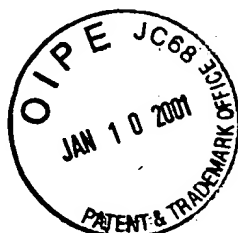
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

KADAMBI et al

Application No.: 09/635,232

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For: A METHOD OF SENDING PACKETS BETWEEN TRUNK PORTS OF NETWORK SWITCHES

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 10, 2001

Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment which was filed on December 26, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 3, delete lines 25-32 in their entirety, and insert therefore the following paragraphs:

C) --The invention, therefore, is directed to a method of sending packets between trunk network switches. The method comprises the steps of receiving a packet from a source at a first port of a trunked network switch, then identifying that the first switch includes ports which are bundled as a trunk group. It is then identified that the packet